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Chief, West Coast Bureau
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
Post Office Box 307
Reseda, California

Dear Andy:

After my return from Reseda we discussed with the General Counsel the advisability of entering into, at this time, the discussions relative to the possibility of electrifying the transportation system in the vicinity of our monitoring station. General Counsel, after discussion with the Director, recommended that we not enter into such discussions at this time but suggested that the matter be followed in case the threat of actual electrification becomes serious. It was further suggested that the persons best situated to obtain advance information in such a case would be the Contacts Office in Los Angeles.

[redacted] was, in turn, instructed to look into this matter and has made a complete report to his Chief in Washington, which has been referred to this office. I shall not send the whole file to you but, briefly, [redacted] concludes that:

a. Improvement in rapid transit facilities in that area will not be initiated for at least two or three years.

b. Even if Reseda gets rapid transit facilities there is no evidence at this time that such will be accomplished through the electrification of the Southern Pacific Line.

c. In the interim property owners will have an opportunity to be heard.

There is quite a bit of background information in [redacted] report and I would suggest if you are interested in it that you call him up and arrange to discuss the entire situation with him. Meantime, it appears there is nothing imminent and we should merely be alert to detect any positive steps toward electrification.

Sincerely,

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